Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending. Applicant asserts that all pending claims are in condition for allowance after final as set forth more fully below.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show various elements described in the specification. The FIGs. have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. No new matter has been added. Replacement sheets of the amended FIGs. are attached at the end of this paper.

102 Rejections

Claims 1-17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Gromelski (US Pat 6,377,161). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 1-16

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-16 alleging that Gromelski teaches all of the elements of the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of pending claim 1 is not disclosed in the cited prior art.

First, Applicant's claim 1 includes a recitation that an e-mail server receives a request from a wireless communication device to access information in a private database.

Gromelski, on the other hand, teaches a system in which:

1)   A first PMU sends address information to a second PMU,

2)   second PMU receives the address information,

3)   second PMU makes a check of whether information identical to the address information is stored in its address book, and

4)   second PMU processes the address information in a predetermined manner dependent upon the result of the check.

(Gromelski at Abstract)

As best as Applicant can understand, Examiner is interpreting Gromelski's second PMU to be the equivalent of a wireless communication device and Gromelski's address book to be the equivalent of the private database of the pending claim. What is unclear to

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Applicant is what Examiner is interpreting in Gromelski to be "an e-mail server" receiving the information request as in pending claim 1. As recited above, an e-mail server receives a request to access information from a wireless communication device. Although the messaging system of Gromelski may utilize an e-mail server in the processing and sending of messages between respective PMU's, there is no teaching of an e-mail server that receives a request from a wireless communication device to access information in a private database as in pending claim 1.

Applicant notes that if Examiner treats the second PMU as the "e-mail server", then the rejection would be improper as the claim clearly indicates that the e-mail server is receiving the request from something else, i.e., a wireless communication device.

If, on the other hand, Examiner interprets Gromelski's second PMU to be the equivalent of "an e-mail server", and Gromelski's first PMU to be the equivalent of a wireless communication device, the logic is similarly flawed because the first PMU is not requesting any information from the second PMU. At most, the first PMU is requesting to store address information at the second PMU (or at the second PMU's address book), but in either event, it is clearly not requesting to receive information from the second PMU.

For at least these reasons claim 1 is allowable over Gromelski. Dependent claims 2-16 depend from allowable base claim and are also allowable over the cited reference for at least the same reasons.

Applicant further submits that a recitation from claim 2 is also not taught by Gromelski. Claim 2 includes a recitation wherein "receiving the request includes receiving an e-mail from the wireless communication device." As noted above, an e-mail server must receive the request and, in the recitation of claim 2, the request must be in the form of an e-mail from a wireless communication device. Applicant respectfully submits that Gromelski fails to teach an e-mail server that receives an e-mail from a wireless communication device requesting access to information in a private database. For at least this additional reason, claim 2 is allowable over Gromelski.

Further, Applicant submits that each element of pending claim 6 is not taught in Gromelski. To wit, claim 6 includes, among other recitations, that authorizing access to the

private database includes comparing the e-mail address of the wireless communication device with a list of authorized e-mail addresses. As discussed above, the method of Gromelski is that the second PMU checks with its own address book to check whether information identical to the address information is stored in its address book. As Gromelski's second PMU is merely checking it's own internal address book, there would be no need or teaching of authorizing access to the database. Applicant is similarly unable to find any teaching in Gromelski specifically teaching the comparing of the e-mail address of the wireless communication device with a list of authorized e-mail addresses as in pending claim 6. For at least this additional reason, claim 6 is allowable over Gromelski.

Further, Applicant submits that each element of pending claim 7 is not taught in Gromelski. To wit, claim 7 includes, among other recitations, that authorizing access to the private database includes confirming that the list of authorized e-mail addresses includes the e-mail address of the wireless communication device. As discussed above, the method of Gromelski is that the second PMU checks with its own address book to check whether information identical to address information is stored in its address book. In such a system, only the second PMU would be able to access the database and there would be no teaching or motivation to compare an e-mail address with a list of authorized e-mail addresses as in pending claim 7. For at least this additional reason, claim 7 is allowable over Gromelski.

Further, Applicant submits that the recitation of pending claim 15 is not taught in Gromelski. To wit, claim 15 states in part, "sending the information to the wireless communication device includes sending an e-mail to the wireless communication device." As discussed above, Gromelski's address book is internal to the second PMU such that there is no teaching, nor would there be any motivation, to send such an e-mail to the wireless device. For at least this additional reason, claim 15 is allowable over Gromelski.

Further, Applicant submits that the recitations of pending claim 16 are not taught in Gromelski. According to pending claim 16, the e-mail server receives a second request from the wireless communication device for accessing additional information. As discussed above with regard to claim 1, there is no teaching in Gromelski of an e-mail server receiving a first

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request, and there is certainly no teaching of an e-mail server receiving a second request for accessing additional information. For at least this additional reason, claim 16 is allowable over Gromelski.

Claim 17

The Examiner has rejected claim 17 alleging that Gromelski teaches all of the elements of the claim.

Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of pending claim 17 is not taught in the cited prior art. Claim 17 states in part that an apparatus comprises an e-mail sever for accessing information in a private database, wherein the e-mail server is configured for communication with a wireless communication device and includes: an identification module for identifying an e-mail address of the wireless communication device; and an authorization module for authorizing the e-mail server to access the private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device. Applicant incorporates herein the arguments above with regard to claim 1. Further, Applicant submits that there is no teaching in Gromelski of an e-mail server with an authorization module for authorizing access to the private database. For the reasons listed above with regard to claim 1 and for at least this additional reason, claim 17 is allowable over Gromelski.

Claim 20

The Examiner has rejected claim 20 alleging that Gromelski teaches all of the elements of the claim. Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of pending claim 20 is not taught in the cited prior art. Applicant incorporates herein the arguments made above with regard to claim 1. Further, Applicant submits that there is no teaching in Gromelski of a computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to authorize an e-mail server to access information in a private database and forward the information to the wireless communication device as in the pending claim. As noted above, Gromelski fails to teach an e-mail server that accesses information in a private database nor does Gromelski teach an e-mail server that forwards information to a wireless device as in the pending claim. For at least these reasons and those listed above with regard to claim 1, claim 20 is allowable over Gromelski.

103 Rejections

Claims 18-19 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Gromelski in view of Purcell (US Pat 5,940,807). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Claims 18- 19

Claims 18-19 depend from independent claim 17. As dependent claims 18-19 depend from allowable base claim, they are also allowable over the cited reference for at least the same reasons. Applicant submits that the deficiencies of Gromelski with respect to the claim recitations are not cured by reference to Purcell.

Thus, claims 18 and 19 are allowable over Gromelski in combination with Purcell for at least the reasons that claim 17 is considered allowable.
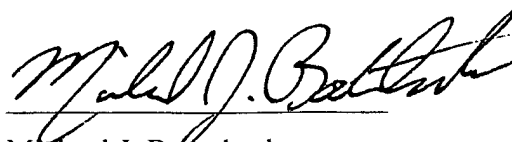
Conclusion

Applicant asserts that the application including claims 1-20 is now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 503025.

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